

Refining of Coal and Shale Derived Syncrudes

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The Department of Energy is funding a program in refining of syncrudes with the objective of assessing the ability of existing technology to process syncrude, developing new more efficient technology designed especially for syncrude and determining the relationship between refining severity and product end use performance and toxicity. Also the Air Force sponsors a program that is developing new methods of refining shale oil. The achievements of these programs in 1979 will be reviewed and the Department's plans for 1980 and 1981 will be discussed.